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(Some errors were left in our columns last week, owing to my inability to read and correct the copy and proof.—G. E. Lilly.)

## THE CALIFORNIA MUDDLE

It is strange that in this day, the question of state rights is one that is continually coming to the front. This time, California is in the International limelight. California has endeavored to prevent the Japanese from acquiring a foothold on its soil and has endeavored to prevent the Japanese children from entering its public schools.

The question is not a new one. Several years ago the school question was up and President Roosevelt lost no time in asserting the supreme power of the Federal Government over the question. But these great public questions are hard to down and will appear from time to time in a new dress. This time it appears in the effort of the California legislature to pass a bill preventing the Japanese from acquiring lands.

In this simple act, lies the germ of a great international question which the best talents of the world must settle. We content ourselves with the statement of the question and some observations from our own view point.

The Constitution of the United States has not overlooked this question. We quote from that instrument as follows:

"This Constitution and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof, and all treaties made or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land, and the judges in every State shall be bound thereby, anything in the constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding." Art. 6, sub. sec. 2.

When this country was agitated by the question several years ago, President Roosevelt quickly asserted control of the matter under a treaty made with Japan.

The question was settled in favor of Japan. The effort now is to bring the same question up in a new form. Whether or not there is a treaty with Japan which can be taken as a basis for Federal intervention, we know not. Unless there is such treaty, it would appear that the right of the State of California to determine its own policy with reference to the Japanese acquiring title to its lands is supreme, for the United States has no right to interfere with the domestic policies of a State, so long as that policy does not contravene the United States Constitution or its laws. So far as we are advised there are no such laws in the statutes of the United States; certainly nothing in the constitution which prevents a naturalized or native born Japanese from acquiring lands in this country. (It certainly will not be contended by any one that an alien can, as a matter of right, acquire the title to lands in any of the States against the will of the States or the United States.)

While this particular question pertains to the domestic polity of the State of California, still it embraces a question that is not local. If California can not protect itself in this particular instance against a race which it be-

lieves, and no doubt has great cause to believe, is inimical to its social and commercial welfare, then no other State could pass a law looking to its betterment without first having to deal with international forces and the members of Congress, and last, but by no means least, the cabinet and foreign legations.

The President has sent Mr. Bryan galavanting to California post haste and in so doing has impressed Japan with the idea that the Federal Government was opposed to the legislation proposed by California, and this act of the President has brought forth from Japan a note signifying its firm determination to oppose the California alien land law if one should be passed. In other words, the President and Mr. Bryan, by their tolerance of Japan's impertinence towards us, have brought on us the humiliation of insolent notes telling us what we may do without incurring Japan's displeasure.

The article in the treaty of 1911 between Japan and the United States bearing on this question reads as follows to-wit:

"The citizens or subjects of each of the high contracting parties shall have liberty to enter, travel and reside in the territories of the other, to carry on trades, wholesale or retail, to own or lease or occupy houses, manufactories, warehouses and shops, to employ agents of their choice, to lease land for residential and commercial purposes and generally to do anything incident to or necessary for trade upon the same terms as native citizens or subjects, submitting themselves to the laws and regulations there established."

This makes the matter purely a judicial question to be settled by the courts in the event California passes its alien land law.

While it is not expressly stated that the Japanese may acquire title to lands for farming purposes, still the blanket words "do anything necessary for trade," would seem to cover the right of purchase. However, Senator Root thinks otherwise, and in this opinion he has the concurrence of other Senators.

But the whole matter is a tempest in a teapot. Japan has had the pleasure of whacking us over the head for the second, and it is to be hoped, the last time. The treaty with Japan should be immediately abrogated for the reason that Japan has not kept the faith of the treaty and has not made it possible by her laws for Americans to obtain equal privileges in Japan which Japan demands for Japanese in America.

The people don't want any further haggling about this and want the independence of this country firmly impressed on Japan and all of its secret allies.

Give Japan the boot, and the sooner the better.

### DR. FRIEDMANN

One of the greatest doctors of the Old World, overwhelmed with honors and business at home, comes to our country to benefit our country without charge therefor, is received by the medical profession of New York with a grouch, and is insulted by them with impunity. They even in their blind hatred of the man, urge his arrest for practicing medicine without the procurement of a local license. What a reception to be given to a man whom the world has been taught had found something that would cure the White Plague, the greatest affliction by which mankind is cursed!

Dr. Friedmann should have been received with the loving kindness of a mother. Everything to make his visit and the object of his visit eminently successful should have been done. Small jealousies should have been held in abeyance, swallowed up by veneration for a man who, more than any other man, had in store a blessing for afflicted humanity. Whether they did or did not believe in the possibility of his claims, was not material. He was a great physician and had for our despairing people, that which he and they thought a salvation. If he was a fraud, the quicker he operated

and failed, the quicker would the doctors have been vindicated for their non-belief. If successful, then the quicker would the people have been put in possession of his great discovery.

### LOCAL OPTION

The temperance people of Madison county know that Madison is not a local option county. Do they intend to let Madison remain wet in spots? Remember that if you do so, you will reduce the value of the Webb law to a negligible quantity for this county.

Good women, the men won't do anything because an election is on hand. If the liquor snake is killed, you will have it to do.

Remember that the county unit bill can be repealed. Secure its benefits while its in force.

To raise a loan of \$30,000,000.00 Mexico is willing to sell to the United States a large part of its Northern territory and all of lower California.

Take it Uncle Sam. Its dirt cheap. Take it with its warriors and rebellions. We can pacify it and govern it. Its a wonderful country and wonderful climate.

This is the way to settle the Mexican troubles. Buy them out. Give them a firm, just government and their troubles will disappear like magic.

Will the people elect their postmaster or will they leave it to Senator James or Congressman Helm?

One of the beauties of (theoretical) Democracy is, that the people rule. One of the facts of practical Democracy seems to be, that a political boss rules.

Who is he?

Why not put in our platform that any candidate using money or other thing of value to secure his nomination, shall be declared ineligible for the office? Give the poor man a chance. There's no equal opportunity so long as the rich can buy the offices.

Those water holding side-walks, Mr. Mayor, are still with us. You and the city council know where they are "at." The grand jury should be informed where they are; also where you are.

Come to think of it, what a fine Mayor Mr. Jno. W. Crooke would make. He is capable, honest and trustworthy. You can look the city over and you can't beat him.

As yet nothing but silence from our candidates for the Legislature. Its time you were taking us in your confidence.

Our city dads have had some of the streets "done over" ready for the oil.

### John Friend Killed By Vernon Turpin

Near Winston Saturday night, John Friend, an unmarried man aged about fifty years, was shot in the abdomen by Vernon Turpin, a young man of some twenty years of age, son of J. H. Turpin, from which he died Monday morning. Details of the killing are meager, as there seems to have been no eye witness, except a woman who was not in condition to know what was going on. Friend made a dying declaration, in substance as follows: Friend went to the house of Mansfield about 10 o'clock Saturday night and found Turpin out on the porch beating a woman; Friend interfered, telling Turpin to stop. Turpin turned on Friend and said: "I'll kill you, you d—n son of a b—," and drew a pistol and fired.

The ball passed through Friend's lower bowels. An operation was performed but there was no hope, and he died Monday morning.

Young Turpin, is of a good family, but is said to have been drunk at the time of the shooting. He is still at large.

### TOPICS IN BRIEF

Wilson knocked Bryan into a silk hat.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

Even Indiana's six best cellars were flooded.—Detroit Free Press.

Say, Woodrow, even Bill Taft appointed SOME Democrats.—Houston Post.

The Webb Bill has certainly "made the temperate zone torrid."—Columbia State.

But why should two men quarrel about being Governor of Arkansas?—Boston Herald.

Woodrow Wilson seems bent on reducing dollar diplomacy to sense.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Alaskan Senate has passed a bill granting votes to women. Now all she needs is a few women.—Boston Transcript.

Learned judges of the Court of Appeals have decided that the progressives belong to a party. Can anybody guess who's the party?—New York Herald.

The proposal to maroon militants on an island has not reached the stage of serious discussion, but if it is to be done the Isle of Man is the place.—Springfield Republican.

The new German war tax assesses the Krupp estate \$1,000,000. And yet some people affect to think that there is no such thing as poetic justice.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Republican Leader Mann says his party will let the Democrats have their way and that no obstruction will be attempted by the Republicans of the House. As the Democratic majority is only 145, this decision is very considerate on the part of Mr. Mann.—Houston Post.

### Tree Planting

Next Thursday is Arbor Day, and in many sections the schools will plant trees and have exercises calculated to awaken interest in the important matter of not only planting more trees, but preserving what few are left standing.

Planting a tree is an expression of a high sense of public spirit. The timber is being rapidly cut away, and unless some steps are taken to induce the people to devote more attention to tree planting, the country in this section will soon be as barren as the Sahara desert.—Messenger.

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## In Society

Mrs. D. C. Beggerstaff entertained the Sunday school class very delightfully on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Boggs, who are famous for their hospitality, entertained a number of friends with a "fish fry" on Wednesday, when covers were laid for 12.

Miss Jamie Caperton entertained the Young Ladies Bridge Club on Friday afternoon at her beautiful home, "Blair Park." The house was tastefully decorated with pink roses whose fragrance emphasized the perfect spring day.

Besides the regular club members a number of guests were invited, and at the conclusion of the games an elegant two-course luncheon was served. The trophy, a pair of silk hose, was awarded Miss Julia White.

Misses Margaret and Carolyn Goff of Chevy Chase Seminary, Washington, D.C., entertained the following ladies at dinner last week at the Seminary where they have such a lovely position: Mrs. Milton J. Durham and Mrs. Hamilton, of Lexington, Mrs. John Graham Johns, Misses Golden and Margaret Day, of this city, Julia Spurr of Fayette county and Elizabeth Shackelford of Richmond.—Winchester Democrat.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Vaught entertained with a beautiful party on Friday evening, in honor of their son, Mr. Chas. Vaught. In the receiving line with the host and hostess were Prof. and Mrs. Hoskinson and Mrs. Ed. Powell, while Misses Marianne Collins and Anna Mae Walker assisted in entertaining. Music and dancing were the order of the evening, and at ten o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where an elegant luncheon was served.

Dr. Vaught and his charming wife are noted for their lavish hospitality, and this entertainment was in keeping with their long established reputation.

On Wednesday at 3 p. m. the Cecilian Club held one of its most delightful meetings with Mrs. Harvey Chenault at her home in the country. The study for the afternoon was the "Symphony."

The instrumental music was furnished by Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Pickels, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Hoskinson and Miss White. Miss Helen Bennett gave the current events, and two beautiful solos were contributed by Misses Traynor and Caperton, while Mrs. Neale

Bennett read a paper, "Dvorak and Contemporaries."

Several selections were enjoyed on the Victrola, and this closed the program for the afternoon. The next meeting will be with Miss Bennett, and the subject will be "Tales of Hoffman."

Miss Jeanette Pates entertained the teachers of Madison Institute at six o'clock dinner Monday.

Miss Dorothy Perry was hostess of the Sherwood Club on Saturday afternoon at her pretty home in Burnamwood. The following program was given:

Instrumental Solo—  
Miss Elizabeth Burnam  
"Frolics of the Butterfly".....Carl Bohn  
Miss Ellen Miller  
Story of Trovatore.....Miss Mary Wagers  
"Butterfly".....Grieg  
Miss Burnam Taylor  
Selection from Trovatore—  
Miss Johnnie Azbill  
Selection from Trovatore—  
Miss Mary L. Deatherage  
"Venetian Love Song".....Neven  
Miss Marie Louise Kellogg  
"Valse Humoresque".....Leon Ringuet  
Miss Jeannette Pates

Lovely refreshments of ices, cakes and salted almonds were served, after which the club adjourned to meet on May 31 with Miss Austin Lilly.

Besides the regular members, Mrs. Cassidy, Miss Livingston, Miss Cuff, Miss Pitman, Miss Rankin, and Miss Arnold of Madison Institute were present.

### Modern Road

Governor McCreary decided to designate the Maysville and Mt. Sterling turnpike as the Kentucky road in which to spend the \$10,000 offered for reconstruction by the Federal Government. County Judge Rice, of Mason, McCartney of Fleming, Thompson of Montgomery and Crooks, of Bath met with Governor McCreary and agreed to raise the \$20,000 necessary to put through the proposition.—Winchester Democrat.

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